

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
& ENERGY  
COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**Minutes**

A meeting of the Economic Development and Energy committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held at the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, NY 11787 on Monday, April 8, 2002 in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium at 1:30 P. M.

**Members Present:**

Legislator Jon Cooper, Chairman  
Legislator Fred Towle, Vice Chairman  
Legislator Allan Binder, Member  
Legislator Vivian Fisher, Member  
Legislator George Guldi, Member

**Also in Attendance:**

Paul Sabatino, Counsel to the Legislature  
Bob Shinnick, Dir. Suffolk Cty. DPW, Transportation Operations  
Jennifer Bylo, President of East Northport Civic Association  
John Ross, L.I. Market Authority  
Jim Stark, L.I. Market Authority  
Fred Lee, L.I. Market Authority  
Frank Tassone, Aide to Leg. Crecca  
Terry Pearsall, Aide to Leg. Lindsay  
Legislator William Lindsay, District #8  
Nicole DeAngelo, County Executive's Office  
Peter Quinn, Self  
Barbara LoMoriello, Aide to Legislator Cooper  
Alice Amrhein, Economic Development  
Kevin Duffy, Budget Review Office  
Eben Bronfman, Aide to Legislator Guldi  
B.J. McCartan, Aide to Presiding Officer Tonna  
All other interested parties.

**Minutes taken by:**

Eileen Schmidt, Legislative Secretary

**(The meeting was called to order at 1:45 P. M.)**

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Good afternoon. I'd like to welcome everyone to the April 8th meeting of the Economic Development and Energy Committee. Legislator Towle if you could please lead us in the pledge.

**SALUTATION**

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Thank you. I see we have two speakers, first I'd like to invite up Bob Schinnick from the Department of Public Works. Bob.

**MR. SCHINNICK:**

Thank you. I'm Bob Schinnick, Director of Transportation Operations with the Department of Public Works. I'm here today on behalf of Commissioner Charles Bartha to discuss intro resolution number 1290-2002; more particularly to express our opposition to the resolution as its currently written. The resolution would direct the department to conduct two studies sequentially regarding the assessment and implementation of something called photo voltaic solar port electric generating stations. Those are solar powered recharging stations that would be used in

association with electric powered vehicles. They would provide the electricity to fuel those vehicles. Both areas, the solar panels and the electric vehicles themselves are very much emerging technology. There are limitations particularly with the vehicles themselves. Current technology for an electric vehicle limits the range of use from between 40 and 60 miles per charge and a full charge takes at least six hours to refuel a vehicle. It's our opinion that a study of this type requires professionals with detail specific knowledge in the alternative fuels area as well as through knowledge with solar panels as they relate to the needs of the electric vehicles. Our staffing currently does not have sufficient capacity to do the work the timeframe expressed and because this is an involving technology current state of the art can change rapidly and it's our strong opinion that professionals be retained in association with the Department that will bring in their expertise and give us a good balance information as to where these technologies are going. And that's basically it.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Have you expressed these concerns to Legislator Postal?

**MR. SHINNICK:**

I have not personally I know that the Commissioner has been in conversation with the Legislator, but I don't know. We've written the Legislator, actually, we've written the City of Santa Monica. Santa Monica cited in the resolution as having these capabilities in using state of the art technologies. In the first part of the resolution does ask the Department to consult Santa Monica. We've been on the phone with them and we have written them to express the intent of the resolution so we do intend to go forward talking to them in finding out what their knowledge base is about. We've provided a copy of that letter which Legislator Postal will receive.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

So your primary concern then is over the second resolve clause where it requires you to prepare a written study?

**MR. SHINNICK:**

Absolutely, as well as the detail that goes behind the study. The work -- we really do need outside assistance.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Legislator Fisher.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Several years ago I recall they -- a resolution that was introduced by Legislator Levy in which we were looking for I think it was in more general terms, alternative fuel vehicles was it that?

**MR. SHINNICK:**

That's correct, yes.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Okay. Now going back and looking at that where are we vis a vis that particular aspect looking at -- that was natural gas I believe. Was that specific to that resolution or was it any kind of alternative?

**MR. SHINNICK:**

There were two reports, one related to the bus system and that looked at alternative fuels to power the buses. The second report was specific to the County Municipal Fleet and addressed the issue specifically of the feasibility of using CNG to power those vehicles, trucks, cars what have you.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

So the fleet was gas, but the buses was more generic it was alternative fuels?

**MR. SHINNICK:**

That's correct.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

When that was looked at do you look at any of the sustainable renewable resources that are mentioned in this?

**MR. SHINNICK:**

For bus technology electric vehicles which is primarily the renewable energy --

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Right.

**MR. SHINNICK:**

-- source is not currently capable of powering vehicles anymore than a very limited time.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

But you have looked at it at that time?

**MR. SHINNICK:**

Yes, we did, but very briefly. We look at more of the CNG use of propane, hybrid vehicles that sort of thing.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Is it Santa Monica also using bio-diesel?

**MR. SHINNICK:**

They could very well be, I'm not that familiar with what they use in their bus fleet which I think is called the big blue buses or something like that.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

I thought that there was use of bio-diesel in Santa Monica in their bus fleet and I thought that would be another renewable that might be considered. So at that time with Legislator Levy's bill it was specifically for natural gas for the fleet?

**MR. SHINNICK:**

With regard to the County Municipal Fleet is, was feasibility CNG, yes.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

The buses were more generic, but you did look at natural gas powered buses at that time.

**MR. SHINNICK:**

That's correct.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

As the most feasible?

**MR. SHINNICK:**

The -- it's feasible in -- there's a number of considerations that had to be looked at. We had out of the eight yards that we use it determined that if we we're to acquire CNG vehicles only two of the yards would be adaptable to the use of CNG largely because of the surrounding area.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Since the time that resolution was introduced and passed, there have been -- there has been progress made with regards to stations, fueling stations for natural gas. Haven't there -- aren't there some sites that have been designated for fueling stations since that time?

**MR. SHINNICK:**

One of the -- yes, one of the major advances with fueling stations in CNG's prices come down, but what has happened in the interim is the State of New York has begun a program of developing fueling sites one of which will be in Hauppauge to be followed by I believe one out in Riverhead.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

And Stony Brook University will have one.

**MR. SHINNICK:**

That's on the list, I don't know of any timing there. Currently, the only commercially available fueling site for CNG is at the LIPA facility in Brentwood.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Okay. Thank you, Bob.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Thank you very much Bob.

**MR. SHINNICK:**

Thank you.

**SPEAKER:**

(Inaudible)

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

If you would like to come up and fill out a speakers card.

**SPEAKER:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

How about the next speaker is Jennifer Bylo.

**MS. BYLO:**

Hello everybody. My name is Jennifer Bylo and I am in the process of forming a civic association in East Northport, which we will call the East Northport Civic Association. I have with me my Vice President (inaudible). The reason we're organizing is because we need to let everybody know that not all of us in East Northport are opposed to Kings Park Energy. I have read almost the entire Article 10 application and after educating myself I have discovered that this is truly or it seems to me and I'll go to the hearings during the next ten months as they proceed to make sure as to what they're saying is true. But it seems to me that this is what we need to help our energy problems here on Long Island and to help to cleanup our environment here on Long Island.

Now we all know that the Townline Association adamantly opposes this project and they have actively recruited quite a number of people in my community. I tried to have my PTA because they had announced that we were all going to have to take a vote and state our position. I asked them to please allow both sides to come to a PTA meeting; they had no interest in doing so because all of them actually are on the Townline Association already and they just don't want to hear from Kings Park Energy. So the vote took place and of course the vote turned out to be against KPE which, you know, that's fine because we know that none of us really has a vote in the end. It will be decided by the sighting board, but I think it's important for everybody to know that I started to go door to door and speak to the residents of my town and in fact people that have not already been influenced by the Townline Association and their propaganda and I'd like, I don't know if I'm allowed to, I'd give everybody a copy of something that my neighbor who's part of the group brought home from the last meeting.

I couldn't believe what I was reading. I started to check the facts, I called the Water Authority, I called Diane Cooper of the Department of Public Service she put me in touch with Don Warner of KPE. He came to my -- because my PTA wouldn't allow him to come, he came to my house and he spoke with me and four other mothers who I could quickly assemble who, you know, were dying to know the truth about this plant and what it will do to our air and our water and should we move. I mean, there's a lot of people ready to sell their houses already because they're that frightened. And I asked Mr. Leon to speak to me, he instead had one of his members call me on the phone; spent two hours on the phone trying to answer cause I said how can you be telling everybody such, you know, untruths just to gain support for your opposition. And he suggested to -- or he stated to me and this is a quote, "if I didn't know any better Jennifer, I'd think your pockets were being stuffed." Now it's been told to me by several people that he has been going around telling people that I'm being bribed by PPL, Kings Park Energy to do what I am doing and I am here to tell you people that there are quite a number of people in East Northport who are willing to look at the Article 10 application, to attend the hearings, to get accurate information and be reasonable. You know we wish they never came; we wish they weren't going to be in our town, but if this site happens to be an excellent site that will allow them to come on line quickly and help with our energy needs and it won't put us in any harm then we see no problem.

Don Warner has told me that his company has a reputation of making contributions that even though we won't be within the tax district and we won't get the tax brake that they could in fact donate monies for our school district to, you know, provide us with some sense of, you know, something because we have to live with a power plant at least then we would be somehow reimbursed for the stress that that would impose. And I spoke to my superintendent, Dr. Brosnan and, you know, he told me well, Jennifer, what you're doing is wonderful and, you know, more power to you. I can't believe you have the guts to do this and this is what I keep hearing as I knock on doors is people that

maybe in support and, in fact, many people do support it because they're (inaudible). One of my neighbors is an engineer who used to work for LILCO and he said to me you're right on track Jennifer this is exactly what we should be hoping for for Long Island. This will definitely be better for us. Our electric bills may stand a chance of being more reasonable if we allow more generation to come to Long Island. He said, "I could kiss you" he said, "but you know what I don't know if I want to come to your meeting because those Townline people are crazy."

My neighbor will not let my children play with her children anymore. They used to play together everyday and now because I've come out and said this and because I've challenged this nonsense my children have lost their friends and I just think it's outrageous that this has been allowed to go on unchecked and if I maybe the only one woman in East Northport -- I'm not the one woman I have my friend here. We are going to organize and we will stand up and we will get this power plant company to come to our town and answer our questions, hopefully, within the next month. Don Warner has promised me whenever we can get it together he is coming. The high school has been offered to me by Dr. Brosnan and I will let them come and I will let everybody understand the facts about this, so that we can take a deep breath and relax and not feel like we have to move if the siting board gives it a go. So thank you.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Legislator Fisher has a question for you, Jennifer.

**MS. BYLO:**

Oh, thanks.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Mr. Chairman, it's not a question it's a comment. It's unfortunate when people can't accept disagreement without personal condemnation and a dialogue is good and I hope that both sides will be present when you have the meetings so that there can be a dialogue.

**MS. BYLO:**

Absolutely.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Because there are problems with allowing power generating plants to proliferate wherever they want to be placed and we have to look at them very critically. We don't want to become a power-generating mill here on Long Island, but you certainly are entitled to hear all of the facts and to ask all the questions without your children being ostracized. As a mother, I can certainly understand how painful it must be for you to have that happen because you're standing up for what you believe in, but I hope that when there is a dialogue that it really is a dialogue between both sides that you will also listen to some of the points that are coming from the Townline Association as well. Thank you for being here.

**MS. BYLO:**

You're welcome. I originally said to their representative who called me on the phone, I would love for you to come to the PTA meeting too if we could get it going and his answer to that was, Jennifer, you need to be a lawyer to understand that you don't sit in the same room with your adversary. We will never sit in the same room with Kings Park Energy. So thank you.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

That's what lawyers do, isn't it? That's what they live by.

**MS. BYLO:**

That's what Jeff Heller told me; I don't know, I guess that's his style.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Well, Jennifer, I think you're very courageous and I think that's a great model for your children and hope there will be a dialogue that you've pushed a dialogue.

**MS. BYLO:**

Well, that's it. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Jennifer, thank you very much for coming down. Oh, look we have another speaker. Peter go ahead.

**MR. QUINN:**

Thank you Jonathan, members of the Energy and Economic Development Committee. I would like to respond to the transportation director Department of Public Works on the proposed Postal resolution perhaps because I was the instigator of that resolution and ask that it be put together. The fact is that Santa Monica has an existing solar port -- array of solar panels. It currently serves 39 electric vehicles and in addition has enough solar power to provide cooling for their civic auditorium which suggests to me that it's already in existence. And while it maybe necessary for Suffolk County to have outside expertise to determine it's viability here in Suffolk County I would certainly hope that the Legislature wouldn't scrap the proposal and that it would seek funding to retain the expertise to determine it's viability here on Long Island. The question of six to eight hours of power needed and the limitations on the distance from roughly 50 to 60 miles are correct, but in thinking about Suffolk County's fleet it would seem to me that in the course of a day where one doesn't use the vehicle to travel -- it could be determined that if two of these were constructed one in Hauppauge and one in Riverhead that the likelihood is that the drivers of those electric vehicles would be using it for short distances. And if they were using them for short distances they certainly would not have to go back and plug in and re-power two or three times a day. So that's something to consider when examining this proposal. I thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Thank you.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Okay. We can now move to the agenda.

**TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

**1023. Repealing energy conservation tax. (Caracciolo)** Is there a motion? Paul can we have an explanation of this bill. It's been kicking around for a few months now.

**MR. SABATINO:**

1023 as originally drafted contemplated sun setting the energy conservation tax as of March 1st I'm sorry as of June 1st, I apologize as of June 1st, but you need 90 days to do it and now we're beyond that point, so. In other words you'd have to change the bill to go to the next quarter.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Motion the table.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

I'll second the motion to table.

**LEGISLATOR BINDER:**

(inaudible)

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

I'll second the motion to approve, but it doesn't look like we're going to do anything but table it.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

We have a motion and a second on tabling motion. All those in favor? Opposed?

**SPEAKERS:**

Opposed.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

We have a motion to approve. Is there a second?

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Well, we need 90 days don't we, Counsel?

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

We have a motion and a second to approve. All those in favor? Opposed?

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Opposed.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Opposed. Resolution 1023 is approved. **(Vote: 4-1-0-0 Opposed Fisher)**

**1050. Authorizing retrofitting of traffic lights and LED fixtures. (Cooper)** I make a motion to table. Is there a second on the motion?

**LEGISLATOR BINDER:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

All those in favor? Opposed? 1050 is tabled. **(Vote: 5-0)** Next we have several potential appointees to the Long Island Market Authority. I don't know if we have all four. Three out of the four and I understand you'd like to come up in mass. If you can please state your names for the record.

**MR. STARK:**

My name is James Stark I'm the Chairman of the Long Island Regional Market Association -- Authority. Today we have John Ross famous East End restaurateur who is a member of the board. We also have with us Fred Lee, vegetable grower from the Peconic area on the eastern Long Island. It was about two years ago that we visited you out in Riverhead for the same basic meeting of the minds, getting to know each other where you approved to take us out of committee and the Legislature appointed us to the Market Authority. We have since been and works since then. We spent the first two three months getting to know each other talking over different directions that we might head. We also elected the officers according to the law; I as Chairman, Lyle Wells farmer from the Northville area Riverhead decedent of the oldest farming family on Long Island as Vice Chairman. Fred Lee as Treasurer and Lori Taggart who was formally Lori Talmadge up to a couple of months ago who comes out of George Gatta's office as our Secretary.

I would like to comment right now that George's office has done a superb job in cooperating with us. Many of the members with the exception of my self are still working out there trying to make an income. I'm retired. I spent 40 years in the produce business, but the Suffolk County Economic Development office and George Gatta's office has been superb in giving us all the help we need to go forward. We did form our bylaws; I have some packets made up for you, but I'm glad you did not have to come in on the Expressway because traffic is backed up about 15 miles, George? I turned around and went up William Floyd and came in all the way 25A. I will have the packets delivered over to you -- really show you the steps that we've gone through since our existence. They may even get here before we're done in our conversations, but we then proceeded to develop our RFP for our study our feasibility study, which we selected after several responses. Some of them quite detailed some of them quite expensive and we selected a firm by the name of {Claggert and Wolf} based out of California who is doing the study; the first phase is costing us about \$65,000. The second phase -- the first phase will basically tell us if this market is feasible and if it is then we will have to go into the second phase which will probably be another \$65,000. We were very fortunate to receive a \$75,000 from Albany via Senator Ken LaValle. We also received a small grant I think through member money through Legislator Caracciolo about \$10,000, so right now we're in the black, and we have some expenses coming up. I would like to refer to John German who is not here. He's not here because he's a lobsterman he's probably out on the Sound making his living.

So that's about where we are; we hope to have this feasibility study done by September. We're going to meet not this month but next month with {Claggert and Wolf} for an update of where we are and how we're progressing. I will meet with them personally next week to go over some of the experiences and the knowledge that I have after spending 40 years in the produce dealing and dealing with regional terminal markets. And those concepts have changed compared to what your original traditional regional produce market is it's changed drastically and this is what I think this study will show us and how we can adapt this to be beneficially to our farming industry and beneficial to Suffolk County on the whole in creating jobs. Creating an economy that surrounds it, so that's basically where we are. I just thought I'd give you a little quick update and we're open to any questions that you may have.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Before we move to Legislator Fisher, Jim the funding shortfall that you alluded to earlier do you have any plans for

coming up with that money somehow?

**MR. STARK:**

For the second --

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Right, for the second phase.

**MR. STARK:**

For the second phase we have been already notified by Senator LaValle's office that we have a \$50,000 grant which is in the process of being approved and going through, I believe it's going to be distributed to us through the New York State Economic Development Chairman Gargano's office. We probably -- we'll probably come tapping on your door sometime in the future, but I think that's next fall or sometime -- I think what also we're going to be sitting with Congressman Grucci when he comes out. And then hopefully he'll take our story back to the delegation that represents Suffolk County. We'll also be talking to the New York State Department of Agricultural and New York State Department of Economic Development Corporation. So we have several roads the funding to get through the studies and then once we come to a determination then I think we have to sit down as a corporation as a market authority and decide which way we're going to recommend to go. If it's feasible, how we're going to build it and etc. etc. And then we certainly will come back to this committee and explain all that in detail and work with you to develop it if it proves to be feasible.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Jim, when did you say that you expected the first phase to be completed.

**MR. STARK:**

I'm hoping that it's done between August and September. They've given us that kind of time frame, but you know timeframes sometimes as you well know with this building right here and it's absolutely magnificent can run a little bit long. But I would say early Fall we should have some kind of direction as to where we're heading.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

I'm sure we'd all appreciate an update at that time if you could.

**MR. STARK:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Legislator Fisher.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Hello. Mr. Stark, how many members are there?

**MR. STARK:**

There are seven members on the board; there is myself, Lyle Wells, Joe Gergela who is the Executive Director of Farm Bureau. Fred Lee who is presently here with us today. John Ross who is presently with us today. John German, lobsterman and Rick Lofstad who is the New York City Fish Market Chairman or Executive Director.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Thank you. Mr. Stark you mentioned change that produce market has changed that's it's not what it had been when you began in the business. When the -- as these feasibility studies progress and they must be very luminous based on the amount of money that we're paying for them, but are the changes --

**MR. STARK:**

Actually, these were very cheap.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Okay.

**MR. STARK:**

But they were the best, I mean, some of them they were talking a half a million dollars.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Okay. At any rate are some of the changes due to the demographic changes that we have experienced on Long Island with the population shift and the agricultural products being different on Long Island and seafood. I mean, impact on fishing on Long Island are those the types of changes you're talking about or are you talking about market shifts.

**MR. STARK:**

Well, you're traditional produce wholesale produce market and there's one in every major city, especially in New York City has three. You have the Brooklyn Terminal Market we have the Hunts Point Market and we also have the Bronx Terminal Market. There use to be a fourth one out in Queens, but the Hunts Point Market seemed to take that over and kind of absorb it in. And every major city has one --

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

That's pretty close to Queens anyway there.

**MR. STARK:**

Pardon?

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Hunts Point that's pretty close to Queens.

**MR. STARK:**

Yeah, you have to go across the bridge and that's really what's happening now with the traffic and going across. They're working while we're sleeping is really the way it goes, but every -- when I say about change your chain store operations are not supporting the terminal markets in the fashion that they did years ago. They brought a lot of their product from the terminal markets. Today you're finding supermarkets consolidating; you might have five, six major chain stores who have consolidated into one buying unit and they don't depend upon the regional market as much. It's changed to organic; a lot of organic produce going through it and it's changed to its demographics as far as nationalities and a lot of different types of foods of our population that it's made in all the different nationalities. Certainly, Fred can attest to that type of market and I'll let him tell you.

**MR. LEE:**

Hi, my name is Fred Lee. Unlike one of the other board members Lyle Wells my family's been farming for little over 50 years. I'm the second generation family farmer up on the North Fork. I think your question pertain more to what's happening in the market in the wholesale. Over the years the past couple of decades there's been some consolidation similar to other industries where some farms out in the Mid-West, California, Southwest have gotten very large. Small family farms typical of Long Island thirty, forty years ago there's not as many as there are now or there were many then and not as many now. That's part of a lot -- it's reflective of a lot of things that are going on Long Island, but in that same sense where there's fewer farms and where some of them are smaller we don't have the competitive edge that other farms have in California, Mid-West, Southwest, Mexico, Canada. So we're coming under increasing pressure to be able to survive; so you'll see a lot of change taking place in the industry. There are nursery sod farms, greenhouse operations; specialty farms like myself that are finding niches to be able to survive. But the reason why this board is here or that they decided to form the Authority is to look at the possibility and the feasibility whether or not we could gain a slight competitive edge by having a local regional market here in Suffolk County and hopefully to try and address the issue of local distribution, local production and if we don't know at this point whether or not it'll help us in a competitive sense with other regional areas. But it's been a challenge.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

The kind of variety and diversity that Mr. Stark spoke to, you know, I bought plátanos (plantain) yesterday, years ago I couldn't go into every supermarket and buy plátanos (plantain). Just the ethnic diversity that we find is that impacting specialty farming such as your describing or --

**MR. LEE:**

Yes it does.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

-- is that actually supporting that kind of farming?

**MR. LEE:**

There are a lot of things that are going on. You can go into any supermarket now virtually and buy anything at anytime of year and that wasn't the case 10, 20 years ago.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Right.

**MR. LEE:**

Competitive pressures have been much greater on local producers; other vegetable farms, potato farms have felt it more than any other farms that single commodity most. Jim probably knows better historical basis and what not. Long Island potato farms may have averaged 100, 200 acres it's not even a drop in the bucket compared to some of the other regions in the country where they're producing thousands of acres. Those guys they set their plow and they just drive; they let their foot off the clutch and they keep going. They don't turn around till its lunchtime; that's not the case here. And we don't have the economies of scale in the production sense that allows them to ship from out of state here so cheaply.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Thank you. It's very interesting.

**MR. ROSS:**

I just wanted to add one comment what Fred was saying, the market has changed dramatically, but also on the other side of it he's talking about helping the small producer economically. On the other end of the marketing end of it there's a tremendous national interest in things that are regional. I'm proud to have been sort of a pioneer of it in the restaurant business kind of using the things in your backyard. The development of the wine industry in Suffolk County has focused attention on that more than anything else and it's not just that we now make wines, but the wines become part of a pride in product that includes specialty produce and seafood and so on much like areas of France and Italy. I think one of the things we're hoping for in the Market Authority study is that we can find a practical way to encourage this. And we already are the largest agricultural county in New York State dollar wise and to attract to make sure people know that to attract attention to our specialty products and to have a central market that will showcase this in addition to making it economically viable.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

So you envision someone having some Long Island wine and eating a piece of goat cheese from goats on a farm --

**MR. STARK:**

And having Long Island duck.

**MR. ROSS:**

Exactly.

**MR. STARK:**

And a baked Long Island potato.

**MR. ROSS:**

Well, you never heard of a regional cuisine 20 years ago in Long Island.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

That's right.

**MR. ROSS:**

And now you do.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Except for Long Island duckling and potatoes, right.

**MR. ROSS:**

Back in the old days our food products were sold as commodities primarily. Cauliflower market went into the Hunts Point and so on. People didn't drive out back then to visit a potato stand as they do to come out to winery. That's all changed; they come out now to Sang Lee Farms to get mescaline and to -- and they're very proud of these things that they know are grown right there, but they're retailing them and they're selling them in small wholesale commodities much as the wines are being handled. And I think it's a tremendous development and if we can help expedite this it would be a great thing.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

So you've really articulated, I guess, the essence of the vision right, of what we're looking at which is to have that regional character where we're consuming our own products and creating --

**MR. STARK:**

But you also have to remember Vivian to have a regional market we do not produce product on a twelve month basis. There are products that when you go shopping are brought in from other areas of the country those that are operating at that particular time. It's now April and your products are coming up the eastern seaboard. We're out of Florida, we're probably into Georgia, you know and soon they'll be into the eastern shore of Virginia to Delaware, to Jersey, to Long Island and going right on up to Maine. So it will be a market I believe this is my visions that will be a traditional market where purveyors will bring in product from different areas of the country that are needed at that time, but I have great, great vision that it's going to help sustain farming on eastern Long Island or in Suffolk County because there is plenty of farming still down here in the five western towns it's now as obvious as it is when you get out to our particular general area. But I see specialty products, I see things happening that are going to be able to take the younger generation and keep those families in farming. We're buying development rights thanks very much to the generosity of the five western towns. Really in essence because you voted to keep this product going, you know, in buying and now you're seeing our local towns, Riverhead just passed a \$30 million bond issue that will work with you. Southampton which George represent over there in East Hampton and what have you passed great bond issues so I think in concert working in Suffolk County that I see farming to be here for a long, long time and if this regional market helps give that certain edge that Freddie's talking about certainly we'll see that go on for a long, long time. I'm Medicare now so I probably won't see the finish of it, but I'm sure it's going to help us. I really have that feeling after being in the business all these years.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Thank you. You certainly clarified it.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Legislator Guldi.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

First, I want to thank the three of you for coming down here. I had the privilege of being on the committee two years ago when you were first appointed so many of my colleagues were not here then and requested that you appear personally for re-appointment so they'd have an opportunity to meet you and find out the status of your work. So first, I want to commend you for the work you've been doing and your time and effort. Now I get to tease you.

**MR. STARK:**

You've paid us a lot of money.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

Yeah, right. No, but now I get to tease you and since I'm going to pick on you I'll pick on you as Chairman, Jimmy.

**MR. STARK:**

That's all right.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

What are the odds that you're going to hire a consultant for \$65,000 to do phase one of the study where if they come to one conclusion that's the end of their charge. If they come to the conclusion as to viability they get another \$65,000 for doing the second phase of the study. What's the odds that they're going to say, nah, don't give us the second half?

**MR. STARK:**

I was in public office, as you well know out in Riverhead, four years as Councilman, four years basically as Supervisor. Most consultants will give you the answer that they want you to have or you would like to have. Certainly, I think you have experience on this board between the members in all phases of the industry who know whether it's going to be feasible or it's not going to be feasible. I mean, I could've put it in an envelope two years ago and we'd open it up when we go to that and you'd see my answer and I'll do that for you today and I'll send it to you, but you can't open it up until we make that decision. But I think there's enough experience on this board, we cover the seafood industry, we cover the farming industry, we cover the restaurant industry, we cover the potato industry, the vegetable industry, we cover all facets of it and all very successful business people.

**CHAIRMAN GULDI:**

Well, clearly, if there wasn't a presumption of viability we wouldn't be here either one of us on this issue of going forward with it. Fred, you had something you wanted to add?

**MR. LEE:**

Yeah, I just wanted to say when I was asked to join this board I had a personal opinion that it would not be feasible and I still hold that opinion. I don't mean to bias the board or bias you as far as the group whether or not to fund future considerations or anything at all. I joined partly because most important point was to do the evaluation without the study without the feasibility study we wouldn't know whether or not we were moving in the right direction or not. I'm still not convinced that having a market or not having a market is the right choice. I decided to take an objective point of view and see what comes out of this study. Now I personally met with the consultant and I have to say that it -- the meeting lasted for almost two hours. He was objective he's experienced and I think it's a lot of money personally, but hopefully something will come out of it and I don't know what's going to be decided, but I think the information that we get will be worthwhile.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

Thank you.

**MR. ROSS:**

The value of the consultant probably will be that he's done similar type study in other regions of the country. The one he's going to say is Maryland which has got an electronic component and a physical component and an area of geographic area sort of similar to ours. Just to see those comparisons will be, you know, very interesting for us and should point us in some directions like Fred says that we don't know, but should be interesting and hopefully worth it.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

Okay. The final question I have it really relates to the members of my committee who wanted to table the resolutions in order to have an opportunity to meet you and Jim as Chairman can you tell us whether Mr. John German who couldn't be with us today has been attending the meetings and active and contributing to the work of the Authority?

**MR. STARK:**

Absolutely, with the exception of the one time he went moose hunting out in Minnesota somewhere he hasn't missed a meeting. He's a very, very salt of the earth guy; he comes right from the boat to the meetings and he's got a very strong opinion. One of the things I love about this committee we're all independent thinkers and it's not just a rubber stamp. We have some good healthy discussions and we move forward, but I think to your previous question again I think there's enough experience on this Authority to make those determinations and see through any buffalo what have you. Also I would like while we're at it and John brought it up and Freddie I'd like him to refer to the maybe give us a short {decitation} on the electronic market that could be incorporated into a traditional regional market.

**MR. LEE:**

Briefly, part of the feasibility study was to evaluate whether or not a platform a software platform could be set up so that regional producers like myself or other wholesale producers, potato farmer, nurserymen could sell their products on the Web or on the Internet. We don't know also whether or not that's feasible or not. It's been set up in other parts of the country some have been successful some have not been successful. And part of and just to back up a little bit the members on the board don't see exactly eye to eye and I think that's the best part of about the board the mix of the people on the board. There's no conclusions that are automatic. My point of view is a lot different than Jim's, but we still are moving in the same direction collectively to try and achieve, you know the results of, is this a good thing or not? But getting back to the electronic media, part of the feasibility study is to evaluate whether or not having a market place in a room like this versus a conventional market place where tractor trailers are pulling up and buyers are exchanging wares. We want to see if we can set that up in today's technological age on the Internet and whether or not that would be less costly more effective and just as competitive on small lot quantities like three or four pallets versus 3 or 400 trailer loads of potatoes. So I don't know if you've probably all of you have purchased things on the Internet before and that's speed and capability of just clicking and looking and examining at prices, features, products and things like that we're hoping that that might apply to us as a regional producer.

**MR. STARK:**

I would only add one thing to it George it reminded me of the days of being back on the town board. Very productive town board, but we never agreed on everything. I might even recall some instances otherwise.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Legislator Fisher, do you have another question?

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Yes. John, I had a follow-up question on some that you had said about the Maryland study. I had recently read about a {paridyme} shift in Maryland regarding appraising the value of farmland development rights and I was wondering if it was related to the feasibility study there that farmland development appraisals in Maryland are based on their value as a business rather than as land and that was a recent shift and has made the farmland development program in Maryland. It was one particular county I can't recall what it was has made a much more workable program because appraisals are coming in higher based on the business worth of the farmland. Do you know anything about that being part of the feasibility?

**MR. ROSS:**

Not anymore than you just said. Our consultant did bring that up and said that it's politically a mess down there currently because of it, you know, there's factions that are fighting about it and that's all.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Okay.

**MR. LEE:**

I actually sit on the Town of Southold Land Preservation Committee and what's happening is surprising even to the committee members. Land values are sort of going through the roof not any part on our committees work, not any part on the farmers behalf, really, except that if they're able to get a higher value for the development rights and stay in business and continue farming that's better in the long run for some families. What's taking place as far as the value of farmland down there in Maryland is not completely dissimilar to what's happening here. The values of the farmland out on the North Fork in Southold are being appraised at competing values residential, industrial development and what not. Those values are what are pushing the underlining development values of the property and farmland out that way. They say that they aren't making any more of it and that's true that's what's happening. There's more housing developments going in and everything else so the values have increased dramatically over the last two years. Similar to Riverhead Suffolk County Southold was paying anywhere from 6 to 8 maybe \$10,000 an acre for development rights just two years ago. The most recent closings is of public record are in the neighborhood of \$20,000 and they're still moving up and the pressure is to push it up even more.

**MR. STARK:**

You also can go over to George's district and I have a friend who lives over there and he has right next to him a farmer offering him two acres of farm preservation or development rights off of the land and he is selling it I think for half a million dollars an acre. He wants to buy the development rights and all on it's a million dollars an acre. So the South Shore and the North Shore we're playing catch up on the North Shore right now and I'm sure down in the western towns that catch up has already been there for whatever land is vacant now.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Thank you very much, Jim, John and Fred. We do appreciate your coming out here to answer our questions.

**MR. STARK:**

I just want to make one comment before I leave and its, you know, being a supervisor or being sitting on a board such as yours it's always nice to get some good news. When I recently returned from my vacation this winter I was appraised that Suffolk County has been successful I don't know whether you've found this out in litigation against Northrop Grumman. If you go back to when they do pay the tax bill you had to pay Riverhead for the school tax and what have you we beat them; you appealed it they appealed it and we've beaten them in appeal and much to Bob Garfinkle Garfinkle in the County Attorney's Office. I have to commend the County because you saved Riverhead about a million dollars and they've paid you about a million and a half in return. So Economic Development is good for Calverton it's good for Riverhead and it's good for everything and also your recreation department, Peter Scully is doing a hell of a job with Indian Island Golf Club so if any of your are golfer it's magnificent shape. So those are the couple of good things that I see out east and I always think you like to get some good news too when somebody comes to visit you.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Thank you very much.

**MR. STARK:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Okay. Now we can move to these various resolutions.

**1257. Approving the reappointment of Fred Lee as a member of the Long Island Market Authority. (Co. Exec.)**

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

Motion to approve 1257 Fred Lee.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Second the motion. All those in favor? Opposed? 1257 is approved. **(Vote: 5-0)** Moving to 1258.

**1258. Approving the reappointment of John Ross as a member of the Long Island Market Authority. (Co. Exec.)**

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

Motion.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Second. All those in favor? Opposed? 1258 is approved. **(Vote: 5-0)** 1259 --

**1259. Approving the reappointment of John German as a member of the Long Island Market Authority. (Co. Exec.)**

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

I'll make a motion to approve Mr. German.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

I'll second that motion. All those in favor? Opposed? 1259 is approved. **(Vote: 5-0)** And finally 1260.

**1260. Approving the reappointment of James Stark as a member of the Long Island Market Authority. (Co. Exec.)**

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

I don't know about this one.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Okay, I'll make a motion.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Okay, I'll second that motion. All those in favor? Opposed? 1260 is approved. **(Vote: 5-0)** Congratulations.

**SPEAKERS:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

And also make a motion to put all four resolutions on the Consent Calendar.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

All those in favor? Opposed? All four resolutions are on the Consent Calendar. **(Vote: 5-0)**

**Sense 4-02 (Non P) - Memorializing Resolution Requesting State of New York to Authorize Lottery for Suffolk County (Cooper)** I make a motion to table that resolution.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

All those in favor? Opposed? Resolution is tabled. **(Vote: 5-0)**

### **INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

**1273. Extending deadline for Legislative Office of Budget Review to conduct an economic analysis of benefit to Suffolk County from Atlantic Ocean Beaches. (Carpenter)**

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Explanation.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

Well, actually a question for Budget Review, is the extended time what you need to complete the study?

**MR. SABATINO:**

The original bill that was adopted last year gave a deadline of February 25th of this year to complete the evaluation and the Budget Review Office has requested until July 31st cause it's a major undertaking and the capital budget process vote is coming up they have another project.

**MR. DUFFY:**

My understanding is that Fred believes he would be able to complete it before the deadline.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

Motion to approve.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Second the motion. All those in favor? Opposed? 1273 is approved. **(Vote: 5-0)**

**1290. To study use of environmentally sensitive fuel for County fleet. (Postal)** I think I'll make a motion --

**LEGISLATOR BINDER:**

Motion.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Okay. We have a motion to table I'll second that motion and I'd like to consult with Legislator Postal and invite her comments. All those in favor? Opposed?

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Opposed.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

Opposed.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

IR 1290 is tabled. **(Vote: 3-2-0-0)**

**1295. To extend deadline for Eco-Tourism Task Force Report. (Tonna)** Explanation.

**MR. SABATINO:**

This would push back the deadline for the report that was authorized by a resolution from last year from March 31st of 2002 until December 31st of 2002.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Did they ask for the extension?

**MR. SABATINO:**

Well, what happen was the legislation was tabled so many times before the final corrected copy was adopted that the -- apparently two things happened one the timeline shank and the second thing was the various members of the

group didn't get organized immediately and so those two fact.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Motion to approve.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

On the motion, I'm going to oppose this resolution for the same reasons that I opposed it in the first instance of it. I don't think it's the membership is properly balanced or representative.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

I'm sorry did I hear we have a motion to approve. I'll second that motion. All those in favor? Opposed?

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

Opposed.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

IR 1295 is approved. **(Vote: 4-1-0-0 Opposed: Guldì)**

**1315. To amend Resolution 854-2001, authorizing Economic Development Grant to the Village of Greenport. (Caracciolo)**

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Explanation.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Explanation, please.

**MR. SABATINO:**

1315 deals with -- basically, what it was was an arrangement was worked out a couple of years ago with the Village of Greenport to have an installment payment plan over five years for interest and penalties on back taxes. The original agreement called for the first payment to begin May 31st of 2002 and then to have each and every May 31st. of the subsequent year be the final four payments. The Village rather advised the County in February of this year that they didn't budget for the first year so they're asking that a delay to June 30th so that they could pick up their next budget cycle and then it would be June 30th of each and every year.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Alice, did you want to comment on this?

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

As Alice is coming up, how much money are we talking about, Counsel?

**MR. SABATINO:**

The total amount over five years is \$104,002. 61.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

I just -- is this on?

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

Yes, it is.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

I just wanted to reiterate what Paul said it's only delaying it one month cause their fiscal year starts June 1st and when this passed they didn't make provisions so they will be able to pay it when they start collecting their taxes.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

I guess the stupid question, why didn't they -- they obviously signed the agreement; they knew what they agreed to.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

No, we haven't signed it yet.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Okay.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

It was an agreement being processed and before it was fully executed their attorney noted that the date was before the start of their new fiscal year so the agreement has been pending to change it by one month.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Okay.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

Then there isn't any problem once the change is made their willing to sign it.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Why aren't they just paying us for the full amount? It's \$104,000; why are we spreading it out over -- I mean, the headline of this -- I almost thought for a second we were giving them grant, you know, and they're paying us for back taxes and interest and penalties. I mean, why aren't they just paying us the money.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

Well, I don't think they have it, but I wasn't involved in negotiating the agreement, but it's being run through the Treasurer's Office and Economic Development and I'm going to be monitoring the fact that they make their payments.

**LEGISLATOR BINDER:**

Mr. Chairman, can I ask whether -- are talking -- is the amount they owe us the 105 is that or are we just breaking is up into five years?

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

That's correct.

**LEGISLATOR BINDER:**

And they're not paying any interest for the time that they're -- we're basically giving them a no interest loan by breaking it up for five years?

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

This was a tax, I believe this was property that was taken in a tax foreclosure. It happens to be the property, I believe they put the carousal on.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Yeah, we'll take the carousal.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

And well, then we take over the whole park and all the maintenance and the expansion plans, I guess.

**LEGISLATOR BINDER:**

And then we sell it.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

Pardon me.

**LEGISLATOR BINDER:**

And then we sell it and how much will we get for that park with the all, I mean, how much would we get for it? Probably in excess of 104 million -- 104,000, we probably wouldn't have to wait for it.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

I think part of the park was contributed in Suffolk to a reverter clause so we don't get it.

**LEGISLATOR BINDER:**

Well, the part that we do is probably worth over 104,000 and we wouldn't have to wait five years to get it so.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Actually, Mr. Chair, hasn't this all been approved and all we're looking at here is just changing the date from May to June?

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

That's correct.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

So it's moot at this point, that has all been already decided and we're just looking at a date change.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

All you're doing is changing the date for the receipt of the money by one month.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

Right. Okay. I think I seconded the motion.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

You told me that the agreement wasn't signed yet, Alice.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

That's correct.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

So why did you need to come to the Legislature to change a date of an agreement that hasn't been signed?

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

Because the resolution that originally passed had the May 31st date in it and the agreement was drafted to conform to the resolution and after the agreement was drafted and it was circulating for signature the Village's attorney noted that it started before their new fiscal year and they hadn't budgeted for the payment.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Did the resolution that we passed have the agreement attached to it?

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

No.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Was the agreement in place at that point?

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

No.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

So the agreement's been worked out subsequently?

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

Correct.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

And the agreement has not come back to the Legislature for approval?

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

The agreement doesn't come back for approval; you've already approved it by a resolution.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Well, we approved you to negotiate or resolve --

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

I did not negotiate --

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

No, no, not you. I'm not blaming you I'm just saying we approved for this to be agreed to or some type of agreement to be done not what was specifically agreed to. We didn't know that ahead of time is what I'm trying to say to you.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

But you put -- I mean, Legislative Counsel can correct this --

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

What if we pass to authorize them to do this? Let's go back.

**MR. SABATINO:**

The resolution codified what the agreement was. The agreement had whatever the terms and conditions, but the essence of it was was a five year payment schedule with those dates. That was hashed out over two and a half year period so when I say agreement what I mean is a meeting of the minds amongst all of the parties in face to face negotiations. It was my understanding that, I mean, you don't even need the written document. The resolution did it, but the written document would've just followed as a ministerial act. The written document wasn't a negotiated agreement. The negotiated agreement was the concept reflected in the resolution. This is as I say this is after the fact request to postpone the payment by one month.

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

I believe that the agreement was just to make sure that someone was making sure that the payment was made each year and credited to the County.

**LEGISLATOR BINDER:**

Why can't the Village take out a bond? I don't understand why the Village just doesn't take out a bond and then pay the bond back and pay us and we'll have our money up from and so they pay a little interest. Why are we doing this?

**MS. AMRHEIN:**

I think the Legislative Counsel just said this was negotiated over two and a half years with the Village.

**LEGISLATOR BINDER:**

So for two and a half years we've foregone a whole \$104,000 so we could wait, so we can wait another five years to get \$104,000 with no interest. No. Okay. I don't know if I voted for this last August and if I did then it was a mistake and, you know, but in fact maybe we should just cancel this whole thing. And I think this is not good thing.

**SPEAKERS:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

We have a motion to approve and a second. All those in favor? Oppose?

**LEGISLATOR BINDER:**

Opposed.

**LEGISLATOR TOWLE:**

Abstain.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

One opposition, one abstention. Resolution 1325 is approved. **(Vote: 3-1-1-0 Opposed: Binder Abstention: Towle)** Moving to,

**Sense 24-02 (P) - Memorializing Resolution requesting the Town of Riverhead to approve Palm Beach Polo Project for Calverton Airport. (Caracciolo)** Explanation please.

**MR. SABATINO:**

This resolution is predicated on a proposal that's been pending in front of the Town of Riverhead by an organization known as Palm Beach Holding LLCN. It's basically a proposal for -- it's modeled after what's been done in Florida. This is a request to have the town act favorably on it. It's not just -- it's an equestrian center that includes golf course, horse farming, restaurant, and fairgrounds.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

What's it costing us; what's it doing, I'm sorry.

**MR. SABATINO:**

There's an application or proposal currently pending in front of the Town of Riverhead. It's been there for approximately 18 months. This resolution is asking the town to act favorably on it and to move on it.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

What's there now?

**MR. SABATINO:**

It's the Calverton Airport; this would be to purchase portion of the land and development along the lines of the Equestrian Center.

**LEGISLATOR GULDI:**

It's Legislator Caracciolo's district, he's the sponsor. I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

I'll second it. It sounds like a jolly good time.

**CHAIRMAN COOPER:**

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? **(Vote: 5-0)**

**(Having no further business the Ways and Means Committee was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.)**

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